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sues Egypt over frozen money

March 31 (R) -- The Arab League has decided to take action against Egypt for freezing about \$50 million of the money held in Egyptian banks, Kuwaiti foreign ministry said today. The officials said the council of the 22-league had instructed its secretary general, Mr. Chadli take action in the Egyptian courts after consulting the union of lawyers. Egypt for the league's bank accounts after Arab states moved the organisation's headquarters to Tunis in retaliation for Egypt signing a peace treaty. The officials said the league's action was unconnected with the 20 billion dollars' worth of Arab deposits in Egyptian Central Bank, most of them belonging to Saudi and Kuwait. This matter was being dealt with through channels, they said without elaborating.

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Regional Briefs

TV, March 31 (R) -- Two Israeli newspaper polls showed at Prime Minister Menachem Begin's Likud Party would be defeated by the opposition Labour Party if a general election were now held. According to the Jerusalem Post, Labour at 54.4 per cent of the vote, compared with the Likud's 45.6 per cent, giving Labour a majority of 65 in the 120-seat Knesset. A Yediot Aharanot poll showed that Labour would get 54.4 per cent and Likud 45.6 per cent of the vote. Likud has 43 seats and with its coalition partners commands 67 votes.

AIN, March 31 (R) -- King Khalid of Saudi Arabia has named Yemeni President Abdul Fattah Ismail to visit the kingdom at a date to be fixed later, the official Saudi Press Agency said. It said Saudi Crown Prince Fahd made the announcement after talks with Yemeni Foreign Minister Saleh bin Abdullah in Jeddah today. Mr. Mohammad flew home later. Ismail, who arrived at the weekend, met King Khalid and delivered a letter from President Ismail. A press statement on the talks between the Saudi and Yemeni foreign ministers said both sides expressed their government's determination to develop relations to promote their people's welfare and prosperity. It also said the two sides agreed on joint Arab efforts to realise the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, to ensure their adherence to the resolutions of Baghdad and to bolster Arab solidarity to face "Zionist aggression".

IT, March 31 (R) -- Algerian President Chadli Benjedid is expected to arrive in Kuwait today on the last leg of his first Arab tour since he took power a year ago. He was met on arrival by Kuwait's Emir Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, and other government officials. President Benjedid had a second round of talks with the Emir, Sheikh Isa Bin Sulman Al Khalifa, before he flew out. An official statement in Kuwait said the Kuwaiti and Algerian leaders' discussions would cover bilateral relations and Arab and international developments. President Benjedid already visited Jordan, Iraq, Syria, Saudi Arabia, North Yemen, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar.

T, March 31 (R) -- Vatican Secretary of State Cardinal Agostino Casaroli today met the leaders of Lebanon's religious communities at a banquet given in his honour by President Elias Hrawi. Earlier he discussed the government's efforts to forge the reconciliation in Lebanon with the president, Premier Michel Hoss and Foreign Minister Fuad Butros. Cardinal Casaroli, who arrived on Saturday for a four-day visit, issued an appeal for Pope John Paul II to the Lebanese people yesterday to reconcile and reconstruct the nation. The call was issued at an ordination ceremony for titular Lebanese bishop, Paul Tabet, who was recently appointed Vatican ambassador to the Antilles.

March 31 (R) -- Saudi Arabian Planning Minister Nasser today pledged to make greater efforts to keep a supply from his country to Japan, Japanese sources said. Mr. Nasser, who arrived here yesterday for a four-day visit, made the pledge at a meeting with Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira. At the meeting, Mr. Nasser was awarded the first class of the "Sacred Treasure" for his contribution to friendly economic ties between Japan and Saudi Arabia. At a meeting with Foreign Minister Saburo Okita, Mr. Nasser pledged to cooperate in his country's third five-year development programme, foreign ministry sources said.

ABABI, March 31 (R) -- An Italian committee today in Abu Dhabi to investigate the crash of an Italian military helicopter yesterday in which 12 people died, the official Emirati agency (WAM) said. The agency gave no details of the composition of the committee but said the plane on arrival would take the bodies of the dead back to Italy. A CH-47C helicopter, owned by an Italian company, crashed at Abu Dhabi airport after a demonstration flight hit a hangar and caught fire. It was carrying 15 people, all of whom were killed. The Italian defence ministry said in Rome eight soldiers and two civilian technicians died. The four others were injured and died later in hospital, WAM said.

RA, March 31 (AP) -- Rightist and leftist groups battled in the eastern border city of Agri today, following the arrest of a right-wing politician by unidentified terrorists, reported. Four other persons including two policemen were killed in the fighting. The incidents began with the slaying of a local leader of the ultra-rightist National Movement Party, Tuncer Percinler, according to the news agency. In the ensuing street clashes, the son of a Republican Peoples Party local leader was wounded, he reported. The authorities were unable to give any figures on casualties, but troops were ordered to restore order. All schools in the city were closed indefinitely. In a separate incident in western Turkey two policemen and two were critically injured, the state radio reported. In a town of Tuzci, two rival leftist groups clashed, killing and wounding another. Terrorists shot and killed a woman at a bus stop in Istanbul, Anatolia reported.

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Violent clashes erupt in Egypt

CAIRO, March 31 (AP) -- Egypt's minister of interior (police) confirmed today that separate, violent clashes, had erupted in two areas of Egypt between Muslim fundamentalists and police on one hand, and Muslim-Christian factions on the other, and appealed to religious leaders for calm.

In a two-hour statement to parliament, Mr. Nabawi Ismail said last week's incidents in the Upper Egyptian town of Assiut and the Mediterranean city of Alexandria had left a total of fifteen injured, including four members of the police force, and several shops and cars damaged. He said eight persons had been jailed.

Mr. Ismail, who tried to water down the reports issued by Muslim extremists over the weekend, indicated the government is determined not to allow unrest, especially now, before the scheduled visit to Washington by President Anwar Sadat for talks with U.S. President Jimmy Carter over the stalled autonomy talks.

Mr. Ismail said the violence in Upper Egypt had started when members of the Muslim extremist "Islamic Grouping" had attempted to march out of their mosque meeting for a demonstration through the city of Assiut, south of Cairo, despite police objections.

In his statement to the 390-member parliament, Mr. Ismail did not specify exactly what the members wanted to demonstrate against. But eyewitnesses said the members were chanting anti-Shah slogans.

A Muslim fundamentalist student group meeting in Cairo recently called on the Shah to go away, because they argued he had killed and tortured fellow Muslims during his 38 years in power. The deposed Shah arrived last Monday accepting President Sadat's offer of refuge here. He is convalescing in hospital after surgery to remove his swollen spleen.

Mr. Ismail argued he had forbidden the demonstrators to go out into the city "for fear the demonstration may turn chaotic and be infiltrated by anti-regime actions which have an interest in creating unrest."

He said the violence broke out when members of the Islamic Grouping tried to resist police orders and hurled stones at two officers who were injured. It was then, he said, police used tear gas to disperse the mob.

Meanwhile, Mr. Ahmad Faraghi, an opposition member of parliament representing Assiut, told a reporter that the government had flown in some 50,000 riot police troops to quell any possible recurrence and he maintained police had used fire hoses into the air and that consequently one person was injured and died in hospital.

A statement by Muslim students in Cairo yesterday said one man was killed in Assiut, six were injured and 54 arrested. But Mr. Ismail denied any deaths and said

five students and six policemen, including the two officers, were injured. He said a total of 56 had been detained for interrogation, 38 were released, 10 were still being questioned and eight were in jail.

Mr. Ismail said the sectarian strife in Alexandria erupted in a university hostel, when two Christian students and one Muslim were studying late at night. A neighbouring Muslim student asked the group to lower the radio so he also could study and "in a very short time groups of Muslim and Christian students engaged in a fist fight."

He said four students -- three Christians and one Muslim -- were hospitalised for slight and medium injuries, but that incident was blown out of proportion by rumours claiming the Christian student body was in danger, that a religious strife was on hand, and that some Christian students were being pressured into converting to Islam.

A spokesman for the Coptic Orthodox Church of Egypt, yesterday deplored the Alexandria events as "regrettable and painful" and said that to demonstrate the church's sorrow, Coptic Pope Shenouda would receive no official greetings on Easter Sunday.

Mr. Fallou of Senegal was speaking in the Security Council, which began debate on a bid by supporters of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) for endorsement of Palestinian self-determination and independent statehood.

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Mass Jewish settlement in West Bank to be allowed

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, March 31 (Agencies) -- Prime Minister Menachem Begin is considering introducing a law to allow mass Jewish settlement in occupied Arab lands, according to Israel's army radio. Giving no source for its report, the radio said the measure would reaffirm the government's claim that Jews had an "inalienable" right to settle on such territories as the West Bank of Jordan and the Gaza Strip, occupied by Israel since 1967.

The government would be empowered to approve the establishment of outposts anywhere in those areas, the radio said. It said cabinet officials had confirmed that several proposals on the settlement issue were being discussed. It also said Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir had told Mr. Begin that such a bill would breach international law.

The army radio said Professor Zamir's legal opinion was that "it is not customary in Israel or any other country to extend a nation's law beyond its borders." Legal experts have said repeatedly that Israel could not impose its law on the occupied territories without first annexing them, a move which would violate international conventions.

In another development, Swiss

U.N. Security Council told Palestinian settlement is price for Middle East, world peace

UNITED NATIONS, March 31 (Agencies) -- A Palestinian settlement is the price for Middle East and even world peace, Mr. Fallou Kane, chairman of the United Nations General Assembly's Palestine Rights Committee, said tonight.

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future. "Today, the vast majority of the members of this council are, to a greater or lesser degree, in favour of recognising the rights claimed by the Palestinian people," he said.

Members of the council are: Bangladesh, China, France East Germany, Jamaica, Mexico, Niger, Norway, Philippines, Portugal, Soviet Union, Tunisia, United Kingdom, United States and Zambia.

Alluding to the United States, Mr. Kane, who was invited to speak as an interested non-member, without voting rights, said "a certain permanent member" repeatedly tried to stall council action by arguing that this would prejudice peace talks.

But his committee believed that recognition of the "national legitimate rights of the Palestinian people" could not fail to contribute to a comprehensive solution, Mr. Kane said.

It was high time the Israeli leadership recognised this and entered into talks with the PLO, he added.

The PLO's U.N. observer, Mr. Zuhdi Terzi, said the Camp David accords, reached between Egypt, and the United States in 1978, were "maliciously and criminally

designed to make extinct the Palestinian people." "Should the current negotiations bear fruit and prove successful, almost two million Palestinians will be condemned to perpetual exile," he said.

Calling the Camp David accords the "unholy tripartite alliance," he said they were an attempt to nullify the will of the international community, since they did not envisage that the Palestinian people would be enabled to exercise its inalienable right to self-determination.

Referring to President Carter's repudiation of a March 1 Security Council resolution condemning Israel's settlement activities, which the U.S. had originally voted for, Mr. Terzi said: "Honestly, I wish he had the same courage to apologise to the Iranian people for the complicity of the U.S. and in particular the CIA (Central Intelligence Agency), in the crimes committed by the Shah against the Iranian people."

In his statement to the council, Mr. Yehuda Blum, the chief Israeli delegate, claimed that "a sorry parade of nations" was ready to risk Israeli security to placate Arab oil producers.

Meanwhile, President Carter

Carter cancels important speech Bani-Sadr meets leaders of U.S. hostages' captors

TEHRAN, March 31 (Agencies) -- President Abol Hassan Bani-Sadr met three leaders of the students occupying the U.S. embassy here tonight raising expectations of an imminent major development in the U.S.-Iranian crisis.

The meeting followed a full session of the ruling Revolutionary Council at the president's office and came amid reports from Washington that President Carter might announce tougher measures against Iran very soon if the Iranian authorities did not move to ease the 149-day-old hostage crisis.

After the meeting, one of the student leaders, who refused to be identified, told reporters: "Bani-Sadr will make the announcement tomorrow." He gave no indication of what the announcement might be.

The president is due to address a mass rally to mark the Islamic Republic's first anniversary at noon (0730 GMT) tomorrow. The Revolutionary Council issued no statement after tonight's meeting and spokesman Hassan Habibi refused to speak to reporters.

The president's office, contacted by telephone, refused to comment on the meeting with the students.

In another development, Swiss

Ambassador Erik Lang, who has passed messages from President Carter to the Iranian leader, called on Mr. Bani-Sadr at his office tonight, the official Pars News Agency reported. It gave no details of their talks.

Pars, which had earlier carried a two-line report on the student's visit to the president, also gave no details of their talks.

A presidential aide said earlier today that Mr. Bani-Sadr would disclose details of the latest message to him from President Carter and give his reply in his speech at Tehran's giant Azadi Square tomorrow.

The spokesman said the message, received yesterday, was the second from President Carter to Mr. Bani-Sadr since last Thursday.

The existence of a third message, from the U.S. president to Ayatollah Khomeini, has been denied by Washington. The Iranian authorities last night issued copies of what they said was the original French text of this message, received through the Swiss embassy in Tehran.

The spokesman denied reports that the latest message from President Carter to Mr. Bani-Sadr contained a U.S. ultimatum of further action to secure the release of the American hostages held for the past five months at the U.S. embassy.

Informed sources said, however, that the message contained fresh proposals and referred to a U.S. Senate foreign relations committee proposal to issue a white paper documenting U.S. support for the deposed Shah.

The clergyman son of Ayatollah Khomeini, Hojatoleslam Ahmad Khomeini, was quoted by the afternoon newspaper Kayhan today as saying his father would not be replying to the message Iran alleges he received from President Carter last week.

There was no confirmation in Tehran of an American CBS News report that the Iranian ruling body had already decided to take control of the hostages from the students, a move which would considerably defuse the tension between Tehran and Washington.

Pars reported that Foreign Minister Sadeq Qotbzadeh, who was said by officials at the presidential office to have missed tonight's council meeting, visited revolutionary leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini earlier today.

One of the questions discussed was the latest developments in relations between Iran and the United States, Pars quoted Mr. Qotbzadeh as saying after the meeting.

Meanwhile, President Carter

suddenly cancelled a speech on the economy today and called his advisers to the White House amid indications in Washington he would take new punitive measures against Iran unless the hostage crisis eased soon.

Officials said political and economic actions against Iran were on the agenda of a meeting of the national security council.

Mr. Carter's meeting with senior officials was arranged as the White House tried urgently to confirm the CBS report that Iran's Revolutionary Council acted last night to defuse the situation.

White House Press Secretary Jody Powell said the White House had not confirmed the report, which if true would presumably be viewed as progress towards the release of the hostages and might stay the president's hand.

Mr. Carter cancelled a speech to the AFL-CIO labour movement after a confusing weekend during which the White House persistently denied reports the president had sent a personal and conciliatory message to Ayatollah Khomeini.

There were reports that the governments of the nine European Common Market countries had sent identical letters to Iranian leaders urging the release of the American hostages.

The United States acknowledged that it had sent two written messages to Iran in the last few days but denied that conciliatory messages, or any admission of culpable behaviour towards Iran, had been transmitted to Ayatollah Khomeini or any other Iranian official.

U.S. National Security Affairs Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski told CBS News that the situation was bizarre, with the Iranians apparently sending messages to themselves.

U.S. officials said a diplomatic effort was in progress to enlist the support of major western countries on behalf of the hostages.

The choice for Iran was to release the hostages or face new political and economic relations, they said.

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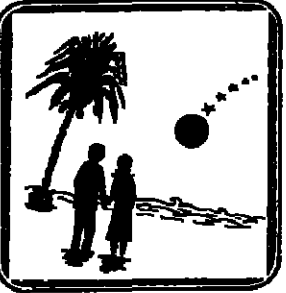
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Oxford conference on Jordan ends

By Steven Ross
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OXFORD, March 31—The first biennial Conference on the History and Archaeology of Jordan held at Christ Church College, Oxford University, ended last night.

At the closing session, His Highness Crown Prince Hassan read a statement drafted by the ad hoc committee formed to prepare a list of recommendations for the conference.

"The success of this conference is not only the immediate one of friendly discussion, but more importantly the realization that so much more could be achieved if only one had immediately available the accumulated knowledge that has been so obvious here during the past week," the Prince said.

Prince Hassan returns

AMMAN, March 31 (JNA) — Their Highnesses Crown Prince Hassan and Princess Sarvath returned to Amman today at the end of their six day visit to Britain, where the prince chaired the first biennial Conference on the History and Archaeology of Jordan at Oxford University.

King inspects airports

AMMAN, March 31 (JNA) — His Majesty King Hussein today made an inspection tour of Amman airport. The King visited the arrivals and departures lounges and issued directives to airport officials on improving facilities and services to the passengers.

Later, King Hussein visited the site of the Queen Alia International Airport and was briefed on the progress of work on the project.

The airport, which is due to be completed by the end of this year, will cost nearly JD 83 million. He stressed that the work had to be of high technical quality and be finished on schedule.

The King was accompanied on the tour by the Prime Minister, Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf, Chief of the Royal Court Ahmad Lawzi, Minister of Transport Ali Subeimat, the Director General of Civil Aviation, Sharif Ghazi Rakan and the President of Alia, Mr. Ali Ghandour.

Top U.S. heart surgeon in Amman

AMMAN, March 31 (JT) — The internationally renowned Arab-American pioneer in heart surgery, Dr. Michael DeBakey, arrived in Amman today.

During his visit here he will give a lecture on surgery techniques

General strike marks Day of the Land in West Bank, Gaza

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, March 31 (R)—Palestinian shopkeepers on the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip staged a strike yesterday to mark the fourth anniversary of demonstrations against expropriation of Arab land, and about 10,000 Arabs attended memorial gatherings in Israel.

The one-day strike commemorated the killing of six Arabs who lived in Israel by security forces in 1976. East Jerusalem's usually bustling market stayed closed.

But Israel's 500,000-strong Arab minority itself turned out in relatively small numbers at four memorial gatherings at villages in central Israel and Galilee.

About 3,500 gathered in the Galilean village of 'Arabe' where four residents died in the 1976 demonstrations over Israel's taking of Arab land to promote Jewish settlement plans.

Five hundred bedouin tribesmen staged a similar gathering in the southern Negev desert. They are threatened with losing their land to two air bases planned to

replace those lost by Israel in its handing over of the Sinai desert to Egypt.

In Syria, several thousand Palestinians demonstrated in the Yarmouk refugee camp near Damascus to express solidarity with their brethren under Israeli occupation.

Speeches on the Day of the Land denounced "imperialism, Zionism, and reaction" and condemned the Camp David accords between Egypt and Israel and the talks on autonomy for the Palestinians on the West Bank and Gaza Strip being negotiated between Egypt and Israel as a plot.

In Beirut, a Palestinian commando leader called for the armed struggle against Israel to be stepped up.

Khaled Al Wazir (Abu Jihad), commander of Fateh's forces addressing a Day of the Land rally here said the commando movement was seeking to "liberate" Haifa, Jaffa and Acre.

"We will not lay down our arms," he declared.

He said the armed struggle

should be intensified and that transmitters of the Palestine Liberation Organisation radio, Voice of Palestine, were capable of covering Israeli-occupied Arab territory.

Cabinet to set up special court

AMMAN, March 31 (JNA) — The cabinet yesterday approved a law setting up a special law for trying those charged of the public trust.

The court will be entrusted with cases of bribery, corruption, embezzlement, exploitation of one's position, misuse of power and negligence in performing duties or handling public funds.

It will also deal with cases of contractors working on governmental projects and the management of illegal companies designed to win a contract from the government.

Penalties stated in the law as well as other provisions in the new law applied by the court. The verdicts will be subject to a review by the National Consultative Council.

The new law was referred to the National Consultative Council for approval.

Divisible truths

IT'S NOT quite clear whether or not President Carter really made the following statement (it purports to come from the disputed correspondence between him and the Iranian leadership), but we are prepared to give him the benefit of the doubt and assume that he did:

"I agree that international peace requires new relationships between governments, especially respect for the sovereignty of nations and the right of people to self-determination."

It does, after all, sound like something Mr. Carter would say.

And, as given, this statement contrasts somewhat starkly with something President Carter said only a few days ago:

"We are opposed to the creation of a Palestinian state."

Mr. Carter's concept of self-determination, it seems, is as divisible as Mr. Carter's concept of human rights. In both cases, there is a glaring exception to the rule which he so confidently asserts: the Palestinians.

There was a time when we would have looked to the United States to put some backbone into the nice words which emanate from it about freedom, justice, national sovereignty, self-determination, human rights and peace.

These expectations were, if anything, heightened when Jimmy Carter was elected President in 1976: here was a good man of deep and honest convictions who had won the presidency in virtual defiance of the crass and cynical political forces which had played the role of king-maker in the past.

It is, therefore, with regret that we watch Mr. Carter, in the final year of his first term, betray those expectations at every turn. The man who talked in his first months in office about the need for a Palestinian homeland has now become one of the staunchest opponents of such an entity. The man who fought the entrenched political forces has become a virtual hostage of Zionist interests (and at a time when the influence of those interests had declined in response to a revolution in the American public at their power and their tactics). The President who is prepared to mobilize an American naval task force in response to a perceived violation of national sovereignty or human rights in some strategic backwater of the globe, is prepared to ignore and even underwrite violations of national sovereignty and human rights in Palestine, at the crossroads of America's vital strategic and national security interests. Saddest of all, the man who wants to bring peace to the Middle East concocts a scheme to ensure that peace will never come, because his scheme neglects -- and, through neglect, exacerbates -- the tensions and grievances which lie at the heart of the conflict.

It is perhaps too much to expect Mr. Carter and his advisers to draw the same parallels as we do here between Afghanistan and Palestine, or to make the connection, which is so obvious to us, between petroleum and Palestine. But his flagrant and wilful disregard of these things which we hold so dear cannot, we feel, be squared with the tenets which he purports to uphold and represent.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RA'I: It may be a mere coincidence that the Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Dr. Butros Ghali, chose last Sunday to come out with his justification for the normalisation of relations between Egypt and the Zionist enemy. But the occasion vindicates neither Mr. Ghali, nor the Egyptian regime, it vindicates the people who are under occupation, who made Sunday a glorious day for the courageous Arab resistance.

If Mr. Ghali believes that normalisation is the only way to keep the dialogue going between Egypt and Israel, and to tempt more Arab parties to join it, then the people of Palestine and Naqurah, who joined the people of the West Bank and Gaza Strip to express their determination to stick to their land, emphasised in a firm way that any dialogue between the owner of the land and its usurper is impossible.

The Day of the Land on Sunday confirmed the simple fact that a people evicted from their land will not conduct a dialogue or have normal relations with the force that has evicted them. This is not only because that dialogue would run across hatred and antagonism but because a party that doesn't have a homeland cannot make its voice heard around the world. COLUMBIAN JUMA' A. HAMMAD writes in Al Ra'i: even if Ziad Abu Ein, the young Palestinian held in the United States pending extradition to Israel, had participated in Watergate or plotted against the life of President Carter or had participated with the Iranian students in holding the U.S. hostages in Tehran, he would have received a fair trial and been given proper legal representation by the Americans.

Yet another oppressed Palestinian, despite having lived as a good citizen in the heart of the American homeland, is not out of the reach of the Zionists. They are now about to drag him by force from the "fortress of Western democracy" to the Zionist state, to dark cells, to electric shocks and to be tortured -- just because he is of Palestinian origin.

The columnist wonders whether Arabs are concerned any more, though it is to them alone that Abu Ein is now calling for help. AL DUSTOUR: On Sunday the cabinet referred to the National Consultative Council a draft law to establish a special court for trying those charged with abusing the public trust. Although we do not impugn the honesty of most of those employed in the public sector and those they extract with, or question their sincerity and devotion in serving our country, such a court has become a dire necessity in a developing country like Jordan, where public efforts and funds should not go to benefit a few corrupt people or serve purposes other than those they have been allocated for.

Undoubtedly, the aim of the government in approving such a draft law, is to spread total confidence between the public and the government to deter featherbedding and corruption.

British Ladies of Amman

The next meeting will be held at the British Ambassador's Residence at 10 a.m. on Wednesday 2nd April 1980.

Your guest speaker will be Brother Andrew.

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Local News Briefs

AMMAN, March 31 (JNA) — The Prime Minister Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf chaired a meeting at the National Planning Council (NPC) yesterday for a general review of the country's 1981-85 economic plan. Attending were minister of Transport Ali Subeimat and Minister of State for Prime Ministry Affairs Sulaiman Arat, NPC president Hanna Odeh and NPC secretary general Basem Jardaneh. Taking part in the meeting was a 36-member team drafting proposals for the plan and evaluating the old five year plan which ends this year. The team comprises specialists from the public and private sectors and the two universities.

AMMAN, March 31 (JNA) — A special committee of the Natural Resources Authority has finished drawing up the authority's second five-year development plan for 1981-85. Director General of the Authority, Yusef Nimri, stated that the plan comprises 18 development projects and programmes, seven of which are in mining and industry sectors and eleven in water and irrigation sectors. He added that total cost of the mining and industry projects is JD 24 million and JD 17 million for the water and irrigation projects. Mr. Nimri said that the plan has given priority to projects in search of energy, water and mineral sources.

AMMAN, March 31 (JNA) — Several Jordanian and American businessmen reviewed Sunday ways of cooperation in all the industrial fields and the possibility of setting up factories in Jordan. The delegation members, presenting the Arab-American chamber of commerce in San Francisco lauded Jordan's progress in all areas. The Director of Tourism, Michael Hamameh, also received delegation members and briefed them on the tourism industry in Jordan.

AMMAN, March 31 (JNA) — Three children were slightly injured yesterday when an old bomb shell with which they were playing exploded, a spokesman for the Public Security Directorate said. The incident occurred at the village of Ijdaita in the Irbid governorate. According to the spokesman a total of 11 incidents occurred in Jordan yesterday resulting in the death of three people. He said these included one road accident and three cases of fire.

AMMAN, March 31 (JNA) — The Minister of Agriculture, Dr. Qasem Al Rimawi, today discussed with the president and members of the Jordanian Veterinarians Association's Council arrangements for holding the first veterinary conference in Amman this September. Some 200 Arab veterinarians will attend along with several international experts. The Arab veterinary conference held in Baghdad this month decided to convene the conference here.

KARAK, March 31 (JNA) — The Minister of Justice, Mr. Najib Isheideh, said here today that his ministry intends to send judges abroad on scholarships to raise their efficiency. He made the statement during an inspection tour of courts in Karak. He also met with the city's judges and lawyers to discuss the needs of their courts. Later the minister inspected courts in the towns of Tafila and Mazra.

TODAY'S WEATHER

The weather will be dusty, rather warm and medium and high cloud will appear. The wind will be southwesterly moderate to fresh. In Aqaba it will also be dusty with a southerly fresh wind and rough seas.

	Overnight	Daytime
Amman	low 14	high 26
Aqaba	17	33
Deserts	13	29
Jordan Valley	16	31

Road repair contract signed

AMMAN, March 31 (JNA) — Amman Municipality yesterday signed a joint JD 1.5 million contract with three major local contracting companies to carry out maintenance work on 200 kilometres of Amman's roads. Work on the roads, to be carried out over the next six months, will start in the first week of April.

A municipality spokesman said most of the work will be done at night and will take place in three different areas. The Amman Water and Sewerage Authority will at the same time start work for draining rain water at Wadi Saqra and Ras Al Ain to protect the new roads from erosion.

Price of chicken goes up

AMMAN, March 31 (JNA) — The Minister of Supply, Dr. Jawad Anani, issued a defence order yesterday raising the retail price of one kilogramme of locally

slaughtered chicken from 550 fils to 640 fils within the Municipality of Amman.

The retail price outside Amman was set at 510 fils per kilogramme.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Architecture Exhibition

The Department of Culture and Arts, in cooperation with the Embassy of India, presents an exhibition commemorating the 15th century of the Hijra on Islamic architecture in India. The exhibition is on display at the Art Gallery, Ministry of Culture and Youth until April 6.

Art Exhibition

The Goethe Institute, in cooperation with the Department of Culture and Arts, presents an exhibition of paintings, drawings, prints, ceramics and sculpture by the students of the Fine Arts Centre. The exhibition is open until April 5.

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Tender No. TCC 1/80

The Telecommunications Corporation of Jordan invites tenders for the procurement and installation of telephone exchanges, local networks, transmission systems and associated civil works to provide telecommunication services in the above mentioned areas. The project is to be implemented on an end-to-end turn-key basis.

The project will be funded in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Jordanian-French Protocol (Telecommunication Sector).

1. Agents or representatives of French firms can obtain a copy of the tender documents from:-

The Secretary of the Tender Committee
Telecommunications Corporation

3rd Circle,

Jabal Amman,

Against payment of JD 160 (non-refundable).

2. The latest date for submission of proposals to the Telecommunications Corporation Headquarters in Amman is 1400 hours, Tuesday 1st July, 1980.

3. Bids should be submitted in four copies, each in a closed envelope sealed with red wax.

4. All bidders will be required to post a bid bond in the amount of 5% of the total price of the offer issued from a Jordanian bank concurrent with the offer.

Eng. Moh'd Shahid Ismail
Director General

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Damas-Scene

d for the Jordan Times by Pat McDonnell.

(April 1 - April 4)

ise to our readers for the delay in the publication of this
ie to a difficulty in transmission.

EXHIBITS

April 4: "Nadar and His Times" entitles an exhibition
rait photographs by this 19th century photographer,
photographing the famous men of his generation
Maupassant, Manet, Pasteur and Rodin. The show con-
il April 15 at the French Cultural Centre.

sions" entitles an exhibition of 24 abstract works by
ariff at the American Cultural Centre. A 6 p.m. recep-
the 10 day show. The self-taught artist has prepared
il, water colour, pencil, ink and pastels.

JNG: A display of Bulgarian handicrafts is on view day
at the Arab Cultural Centre. Hours: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
pt Friday.

hibition of oils, watercolours and acrylics by artists of
enia continues through Thursday in Al Sha'b Gallery.
a.m. - 2 p.m.; 4:30 - 8 p.m.

AY, April 3: Dr. Mahmoud Sobh of the Central Uni-
Madrid will give a talk at 6 p.m. at the Spanish Cultural
"Cultural Knowledge between the Arab and Spanish
fe will also read selection of his poetry in Arabic and
will be much like old home week for Dr. Sobh, who was
lestine and came to Damascus as a refugee in 1948. He
is in Arabic literature from Damascus University and is
Ph.D. from the Central University of Madrid. He has
bree awards for his Arabic poetry and four awards for
in Spanish. Following his talk, the Spanish ambassador
him.

VIDEO-TAPE PROGRAMME

April 4: "Les Rois Maudits," Part I, will be shown at 6
French Cultural Centre as part of the dramatic adap-
liture series (in French only).

JNG: The Experimental Theatre is presenting three
ays by the Brazilian playwright Oswald Dragon in Al
fall at 8:30 p.m. nightly. Fawwaz Sajer is directing the
1 (in Arabic).

Widower and the Million" entitles a nightly production
tional Theatre at Al Hamra Theatre (in Arabic). Per-
begia at 8:30 p.m.

FILMS

AY, April 3: "Le Samourai," a 1968 detective story
y Jean-Pierre Melville, will be shown at the French
entre. It stars Alain Delon, Nathalie Delon, Francois
d Jean-Pierre Posier. The film will be shown at 8:30
sday (in French, Arabic sub-titles).

JAY, April 2: "The Prosecutor and the Purpose" enti-
re film to be shown at 7 p.m. at the Soviet Cultural
abic sub-titles).

AY, April 3: "Ende Einer Dienfahrt," a film directed
hiet Schwarze, will be shown at 8 p.m. at the Goethe
It stars Wolfgang Buettner, Alois Maria Giani and
uber (in English).

April 4: "Moscow and Caspiop" entitles a film to be
p.m. at the Soviet Cultural Centre (in Russian, Arabic
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Will Ziad Abu 'Ein be led to torture in Israel?

AMMAN, March 31 (JT) - The
Palestine Liberation Organisation
today appealed to Arab heads of
states to intervene and stop the
United States from extraditing the
Palestinian student Ziad Abu 'Ein
to Israel.

A statement distributed in
Amman today by Mr. Abdul
Jawad Saleh, member of the
Executive Committee of the PLO,
also called on trade unions and
labour federations around the
world and the Western nations in
particular to exert serious efforts
to save the life of Mr. Abu 'Ein.
Ziad Abu 'Ein Friday lost an
appeal before the Chicago District
Court against a magistrate's court
ruling that he be extradited to Israel.

In December, 1979 U.S. Mag-
istrate Olga Jurco ruled that the
offence of which Mr. Abu 'Ein is
accused, allegedly placing an
explosive device which exploded
in Tiberias in May 1979, was not
of a political character, making
him eligible for extradition.

The magistrate's ruling was
based on a written "confession"
by a Palestinian prisoner in Israeli
custody, Mr. Jamal Yassin, im-
plicating Mr. Abu 'Ein. Mr.
Yassin has since signed an
affidavit recanting his alleged con-
fession and saying Mr. Abu 'Ein is
innocent.

The U.S. State Department is
accused of having intervened with
judges and influenced their deci-
sions.

Mr. Abu 'Ein started a hunger
strike on March 29 in protest
against the extradition order.

The PLO statement said that
the United States is committing a
grave injustice against the Pales-
tinian people in exerting political
and legal pressure on American
courts to extradite Mr. Abu 'Ein.
This is being done through the
lawyers of the U.S. State Depart-

ment, in line with the hostile U.S.
policy towards the Palestinian
people, the statement said.

Mr. Abu 'Ein is a resident of the
West Bank city of Birah and the
United States intends to hand him
over to the Israeli authorities on
the pretext that he is a common
criminal, despite the fact that this
decision conflicts with basic inter-
national laws which forbid the
extradition of people fighting for
their political freedom, the state-
ment said.

The United States, it added, is
aware through reports submitted
by its consulate in Jerusalem that
confessions extorted from Pales-
tinian detainees are being
obtained through torture, and
despite this fact it is determined to
hand over Mr. 'Ein to the Israeli
authorities in a further expression
of its hostile attitude towards the
Palestinian people and in denial of
their human rights.

It said that the U.S. court,
headed by a judge well known for
her enmity towards the Pales-
tinians and bias towards the Zion-
ists, has refused to consider tes-
timonies obtained by the defence
from Arab detainees in Israeli
jails, such as Mr. Jamal Yassin,
who is also charged with the same
offence as Mr. Abu 'Ein, stressing
that their "confessions" had been
extracted under torture.

The Israelis have accused Mr.
Abu 'Ein of activities against the
occupation authorities and of flee-
ing the occupied territories, the
statement said. It stressed that
resisting occupation is a legitimate
right granted to citizens under
occupation by the Geneva con-
vention.

The following information
about the case of Mr. Abu 'Ein
was made to the Jordan Times by
the Ziad Abu 'Ein Defence Com-
mittee, P.O. Box 1347, Chicago,
Illinois.

FACT SHEET ON ZIAD ABU 'EIN

* Ziad Abu 'Ein is a nineteen-year old Palestinian, who was born
in and was a resident of Ramallah, in the Israeli-occupied ter-
ritories until June, 1979.

* Ziad is the third of nine children of Mariam and Mohammad
Abu 'Ein. His older sister, Khawla, is married to Ahmad Yousef
has two children, and has lived in Chicago since 1973.

* Ziad went to grade and high school in Ramallah and worked in
the family-owned aluminium shop and outlet store with his father
and older brother, Mahmoud.

* Khawla, Ziad's sister, has not seen her family in Ramallah since
1973, and has been writing to Ziad, her "little brother", to visit
her.

* In May, 1979, Ziad applied for and obtained a visitor's visa at
the U.S. consulate in East Jerusalem. Ziad also applied for and
received a permit from the Israeli military authorities to leave the
occupied territories and depart to the United States.

* On June 5, 1979, Ziad left the occupied territories to Jordan by
way of the King Hussein Bridge. As is usually the case, Ziad was
stopped at the bridge for questioning by the Israeli military
authorities, and was delayed for four hours. He was allowed to
proceed only after clearance was received from the Israeli military
authorities in Ramallah. (During that period, more severe restric-
tions were in effect on all young people from the Ramallah area
crossing the King Hussein Bridge to Jordan).

* On June 8, 1979, and before leaving to the United States, Ziad
was engaged to be married to Hiam Shihadeh in Amman.

* On June 14, 1979, Ziad arrived in Chicago, at the home of his
sister, Khawla and her husband, Ahmad, at 2044 N. Central Park
Ave., for a happy reunion.

* In July, Ziad and his sister learned in Chicago that their father
and older brother had been arrested in Ramallah by the Israeli
authorities and were held without charge for 24 days for inter-
rogation seeking to know the whereabouts of Ziad. When
informed that Ziad was in Chicago with his sister, the Israeli
interrogators are quoted as having threatened the father and said

"We will get him, dead or alive. Our long arm will reach him."
Only then did the father know that Ziad was wanted by Israel.

* Only after hearing of the arrest and interrogation of his father
and brother did Ziad know that he was wanted by the Israeli
authorities for reasons he did not know.

* On Aug. 17, 1979, FBI Agents entered the home of Ziad's sister
in the early morning and demanded Ziad. Ziad was then taken to
the FBI office in Chicago and fingerprinted and photographed.

* On Aug. 19, 1979, the FBI entered the home of Ziad's sister and
demanded the surrender of Ziad, who was not home. Upon his
return and his learning that he was wanted by the FBI, and
knowing he had nothing to hide, Ziad surrendered to the FBI on
Aug. 21, 1979. He has been detained at the U.S. Metropolitan
Correction Center, 71 W. Van Buren Street, Chicago, Illinois,
since then.

* Ziad was to learn later that he was being charged by the Israeli
authorities with having participated in the placing on May 14,
1979, of an explosive device which later detonated in Tiberias,
and that he was wanted by Israel on the basis of a "confession" by
one Jamal Yassin, who was in Israeli custody, which confession
implicated Ziad.

* The responsibility for the May 14 explosion in Tiberias was
claimed by the PLO at the time it took place.

* Israel requested Ziad's extradition to Israel to stand trial on
charges of murder and serious bodily injuries resulting from the
explosion, under the U.S.-Israel Extradition Treaty of 1963.

* An extradition hearing was scheduled to be heard before a U.S.
magistrate on Sept. 26, 1979. Other hearings were held since
then. In the meantime, Ziad was held without bail.

* The issues to be resolved at the extradition hearing were two:
Whether probable cause existed to believe that Ziad was the
person involved in the offence; and whether the offence with
which Ziad was charged is "an offence of a political character".

* The "confession" which was presented as evidence was a hand-
written statement in Hebrew by the Israeli interrogator, to which
the signature of Jamal Yassin was affixed in Arabic. (Yassin does
not know Hebrew).

* Upon request by the defence attorneys, two Israeli lawyers
interviewed Jamal Yassin, who was held in Israeli custody. Jamal
Yassin signed a sworn affidavit, witnessed by the two lawyers,
recanting his "confession" and stating that Ziad's implication is
false.

* Under article VI of the extradition treaty between the United
States and Israel, a person could not be extradited if he or she
were sought on offenses "of a political character". Under the laws
of the United States, a political offence for which the accused may
not be extradited is "any act which takes place as a part of civil
disturbance, insurrection or civil war."

* The magistrate ruled that the defence of Ziad could not intro-
duce any evidence about the documented use of torture in Israel
in the obtaining of "confessions" from Palestinian prisoners in
Israel's custody; could not introduce any evidence that would
show that Ziad could not get a fair trial if returned to Israel; and
could not introduce into evidence any recantation by Jamal Yassin
of the "confessions" in which Ziad was falsely implicated. Further,
the defence was denied permission to introduce into evidence
the fourteen affidavits attesting to the fact that the
affiants saw Ziad in the family store in Ramallah on the date and
time he was alleged to have placed the explosive device in
Tiberias.

* The court allowed the government to introduce into evidence
the political decision of the Department of State that the offence
charged was not an offence "of a political character" but a "com-
mon crime" under article II, subdivision 1 and 3 of the extradition
treaty between the United States and Israel. This intervention by
the State Department occurred despite the fact that under the
laws of the United States, the consideration of the State Depart-
ment as to extraditability takes place only after the judge has ruled
that the accused is extraditable.

* That the conflict in the Middle East is political, is universally
known, and well publicised in the United States. Nevertheless,
the defence meticulously introduced ample evidence on the history of
the conflict between the Palestinians and the early Zionists, and
on the organising by the Palestinians of a movement to engage in
armed struggle with Israel, including testimony by such dis-
tinguished persons as Rabbi Elmer Berger, Mr. Fahd Qawasmli,
the mayor of Hebron in the Israeli-occupied territories, Professor
Thomas Mallison, an expert on international law, and Miss Alex-
andra Johnson, the former U.S. vice-consul in Jerusalem.

* Despite being requested on four different occasions to take legal
notice or judicial acknowledgement of the existence of armed and
political conflict in the Middle East, and despite being supplied
with ample documents and testimony, the judge refused to take

legal notice of the fact of the political and armed conflict in the
Middle East between the Palestinians and the state of Israel.

* The judge refused to allow any testimony or evidence about the
acts of terror, violence and indiscriminate killing, bombing and
destruction which have been visited by Israel upon the Pales-
tinians and other Arabs in this conflict.

The government, representing the state of Israel, in the hearing
sought continuously to influence the judge in the deliberation,
and the government interfered in a totally unjustifiable fashion so
as to violate Ziad's right to a fair hearing.

* The judge allowed the government to introduce into evidence
numerous statements and documents relating to various and sun-
dry topics, including airplane skyjacking, kidnapping of diplomats
and other acts of violence which were totally unrelated and
irrelevant to the allegations in the Ziad case. By introducing these
documents, the purpose of the government was to obfuscate the
real issue of whether the offence charged was an "offence of a
political character", by terming it an act of "international ter-
rorism."

* All of the evidence introduced into court by the defence demon-
strated beyond a reasonable doubt that the offence charged was
one which fitted the legal test of an "offence of a political charac-
ter" in the U.S. laws, and the government did not produce one bit
of evidence that rebutted or contradicted the testimony of the
defence witnesses.

* The most recent case history involving an "offence of a political
character" took place in San Francisco in May, 1979. The U.S.
District Court reiterated the political exception for political
offences and ruled against the government by denying the extradi-
tion of Peter McMullen, a member of the Provisional IRA, wan-
ted by the British government for a bombing case in 1974.

* The retraction of the Yassin "confession" and the fourteen
sworn affidavits of residents of Ramallah demonstrated that there
did not exist "probable cause" upon which Ziad could be extradi-
ted under the treaty.

* On Dec. 18, 1979, U.S. Magistrate Olga Jurco issued her ruling
that probable cause existed, that the offence was not of a political
character and ordered that Ziad be extradited.

* The defence appealed the ruling of the U.S. magistrate. The case
has now been assigned to U.S. District Court Judge Julius Hoff-
man (who presided over the trial of the Chicago Seven). Judge
Hoffman is well known in the legal community for his strong bias
in favour of the prosecution in all cases in which the government is
a party, such as exists in Ziad's case. In a major case, Judge
Hoffman is known to have met secretly and conferred with the
government attorneys while the case was still going on. Judge
Hoffman is a record contributor to Israel. His wife's family is
heavily involved in the Brunswick Corp., which has a branch in
Israel and which produces missile components used by the Israeli
arms industry. The defence attorneys are requesting the court that
Judge Hoffman disqualify himself from hearing the case on the
grounds that he is biased against Ziad and his cause, and cannot
render a fair and impartial decision on the legal and factual issues
in the case.

* It is generally accepted that "confessions" obtained under the
circumstances described are highly suspect, and are not admissi-
ble, in any court of law, except in Israel, and except against the
Palestinians. The facts of the case indicate beyond doubt that Ziad
was not on the scene at the time as alleged, that there is no
"probable cause" for the extradition, that the offence alleged is
"of a political character" under the law, and that if Ziad is extradi-
ted he has no chance of a fair trial, but rather he will be
subjected to torture and long imprisonment or possible death
under torture.

The implications of the case are grave and the consequences are
dangerous. This can be the test case. Considerable amount of
interest and activity have taken place by Israel and by its organ-
ised supporters. If Ziad is extradited, Israel can then pick and
choose, and seek the extradition of any Palestinian in the United
States on the basis of "confessions" it can obtain from Palestinian
prisoners in Israeli custody. Such an occurrence can become a
pretext for the harassment or extradition of others who may voice
sentiments or support for views or positions which Israel does not
consider in its best interests. Such use of the United States-Is-
rael extradition treaty far exceeds the scope of purely criminal matters
for which it was intended, and would serve as an effective tool for
the suppression of the exercise of the legitimate right of dissent
and even free speech. These issues must take precedence over any
partisan feeling, for one party or another, in the Arab-Israeli
conflict in the Middle East.

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR A COMPETITION

The Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities invites the citi-
zens and the residents in Jordan to participate in an
international competition for the best papers on travel
themes which the World Tourism Organisation will
sponsor on the occasion of the World Tourism Con-
ference to be held at Manila in 1980.

Subjects:

1. The type of holidays I prefer, and why?
2. The professional qualities I look for in Tourism per-
sonnel, and Why?

The nature of the papers:

- The paper should not be more than 300 words,
written in English, and should not identify a particular
place or country but analyse the preference for certain
forms of holiday.
- Participants should send the papers to the Ministry
of Tourism, Marketing Department before May 1, 1980.
- The competition is open to all the citizens and the
residents in Jordan.

Prizes:

The Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities will award
prizes for the winners in each category. The best entry
will be given a one-week holiday at the Holiday Inn Hotel
in Aqaba. The second-best entry will be given a three-
day holiday in Aqaba, and the third-best entry will be
given a valuable gift.

- The winners also will be given certificates of honour and
medals.
- The best entry will participate in the International Com-
petition sponsored by the World Tourism Organisation. An
international panel will make a final selection of the five
best papers for which the following prizes will be
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AMMAN STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

Name of Company	Par Value	Number Traded	High	Low	Closing Price
Arabian Development and Investment	JD 2,000	1000	1,400	1,400	1,400
Islamic Bank	JD 1,000	100	2,580	2,580	2,580
Jordan Gulf Bank	JD 1,000	1281	1,550	1,490	1,550
Housing Bank	JD 1,000	1500	1,820	1,820	1,820
Jordan Kuwait Bank	JD 1,000	380	2,180	2,180	2,180
Industrial Development Bank	JD 1,000	200	1,560	1,560	1,560
Arab Investment Bank	JD 1,000	600	1,450	1,450	1,450
Jordan National Bank	JD 5,000	100	14,000	14,000	14,000
Arab International Insurance Co.	JD 10,000	5	10,450	10,450	10,450
Dar Al Dawa Development and Investment Co.	JD 1,000	357	4,300	4,280	4,300
Dar Al Shu'ab	JD 1,000	500	1,060	1,060	1,060
Industrial, Commercial and Agricultural Co.	JD 1,000	3969	3,250	3,150	3,250
Arab International Hotels Co.	JD 1,000	3300	1,000	1,000	1,000
Arab Company for Aluminium Industries	JD 1,000	1754	1,660	1,650	1,660
International Construction and Investment	JD 1,000	1500	1,020	1,020	1,020
Mas for Blades Manufacture	JD 1,000	50	0,880	0,880	0,880
United Insurance Co.	JD 1,000	5156	5,000	5,000	5,000
Jordan Ceramic Industries Co.	JD 1,000	124	1,250	1,250	1,250
Jordan Spinning and Weaving Co.	JD 1,000	200	0,850	0,850	0,850
Jordan Paper and Cardboard Factories Co.	JD 1,000	494	1,250	1,250	1,250
Jordan Phosphate Mines Co.	JD 1,000	144	3,500	3,500	3,500
Jordan Petroleum Refinery Co.	JD 5,000	3906	9,500	9,450	9,450
Jordan Eagle Insurance Co.	JD 10,000	1289	11,000	11,000	11,000

Total Volume Traded on Monday, March 31, 1980: JD 110,517

Total number of shares traded: 27,909

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1989	JD 10,000	130	1300	10,000	10,000

Total Number Traded Monday, March 31, 1980: JD 1,920

Total number of bonds traded: 192

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON, March 31—The market closed quietly mixed, dealers said. At 1500 the FT index was up four points at 425.5.

Sentiment was boosted by news the inquiry into the British Steel dispute had recommended a 15.5 per cent increase they added.

Government bonds ended as much as 1/4 point firmer. Industrials and oils closed with gains while leading ICP stores were a penny weaker. Gold shares moved lower with the bullion price, while U.S. and Canadian stocks closed higher.

GEC and GKN added 5p apiece while gains of 3p or 4p seen in Beecham, Metal Box and ICI. Booker McConnell advanced 6p after figures. Guthrie Corp. fluctuated amid renewed speculation of a possible bid from Sime Darby, closing at 87.5p against Friday's close of 91.2p. Oil had BP and Ultramar 2p higher but Burmah lost a penny against the trend.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON, March 31 (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at the close of trading on the London foreign exchange and bullion market today:

One sterling	2.1640/50	U.S. dollar
One Canadian dollar	83.91/94	U.S. cents
One U.S. dollar	1.9475/85	West German marks
	2.1335/50	Dutch guilders
	1.8485/8505	Swiss francs
	31.21/23	Belgian francs
	4.4925/50	French francs
	898.10/60	Italian lire
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GENERAL TENDENCIES: You have the ingenuity to set your aims at this time. The morning is fine for making to have more security in the future. Some less will require patience.

ES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) An opportunity to advance is itself early in the day so be alert. The path to success and happiness is open.

RUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) You have much energy to be sure to schedule your activities wisely. You are more willing to cooperate now.

INI (May 21 to June 21) You are able to handle important business matters very well now but be wary of loss in your path. Safeguard your health.

IN CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Strive for inner harmony in the home. You can delve into new and get excellent results now.

(July 22 to Aug. 21) Get busy communicating with those who are important to your welfare. Sidestep one detrimental to your progress.

30 (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) You have fine ideas that need added income in the future, so don't waste anything in operation.

1A (Sept. 23 to Oct. 23) Engage in outside interests and give your more abundance in the days ahead. For increased happiness.

RP10 (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You are able to solve a puzzle that has been a puzzle to you in the past. Plan have more accord with associates.

ITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Be sure you know your true personal aims are before going after them. A fine agreement with co-workers.

RICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) You have some ideas that should be discussed with influential people can help you put them across.

ARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) You can make good use in a new project you have in mind if you apply seriously. Don't neglect your health.

ES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Put your talents to work and give you more abundance in the future. Be sure of what you are doing.

JORDAN TIMES SHORTS ROUNDUP

A tennis tournament: Jordan vs Abu Dhabi

AMMAN, March 31 (JT) — A group of tennis players from Abu Dhabi is playing a tennis tournament with Jordanian players on Tuesday and Wednesday. The tournament will be played at Hussein Sports City courts, starting at 2:30 p.m. both days. On Tuesday, there will be four games at 2:30 p.m., another four at 3:30 p.m. and a last four at 4:30 p.m. On Wednesday, there will be four games at 2:30 p.m. only.

Among the tournament players from Jordan the following: Randy Olds, Larry Taylor, Tawfiq Al Khalil, Sa'id Jarallah, Elias Jordan, Tareq 'Ala' ad-Din, Mohammad Asfour, Nassir Atallah, Naser Mirza, Qasem Al Hijen and others.

Spectators for this tournament -- the first of its kind in Jordan -- are welcome; entry to the Sports City courts will be free.

U.S. achieves wrestling triumph

TOLEDO, Ohio, March 31 (R) — The United States scored the biggest wrestling triumph in its history yesterday, deposing the Soviet Union as world team champion by winning the World Cup of amateur wrestling 7-3. After the U.S. wrestlers beat the Soviets in their head-to-head competitions, the American's went on to shut out Africa 10-0.

The World Cup format is a Round-Robin series of dual meets among the champions from each continent. In yesterday's other dual, Canada defeated Japan 7-3 to finish in third place. The United States finished with eight points, two for each team victory, to six for the Soviet Union, four for Canada, two for Japan, and none for Africa.

No U.S. wrestler lost to anyone but a Russian throughout the two-day tournament and no Soviet wrestler lost to anyone but an American. Bob Weaver started the United States towards its triumph with an upset, a pin in four minutes 57 seconds over former world, Olympic and World Cup defending champion Roman Dmitriev.

There were two other pins in that dual -- two-time Olympic champion Ivan Yarygin of the Soviet Union made short shrift of Larry Bielenberg at 220 pounds, ending the bout in just 1:16.0. In the other pin, Jim Jackson won his fourth straight World Cup heavyweight title by pinning Olympic, World Cup and for time world champion Soslan Andiev in 5:25.0. Andiev was ahead 7-1, when both went to the mat on Andiev's takedown move and the 360-pound Jackson came up on top.

West German football roundup

Amman, March 31 (JT) — West German soccer results for last weekend were as follows:

Bayer Uerdingen	0	Hamburger SV	3
Borussia Dortmund	2	Bayer Leverkusen	1
Fortuna Dusseldorf	3	Eintracht Braunschweig	2
VfL Bochum	0	VfB Stuttgart	1
1.FC Kaiserslautern	4	MSV Duisburg	2
Eintracht Frankfurt	0	Hertha BSC Berlin	4
1.FC Koeln	2	Bayern Muenchen	2
Werder Bremen	4	Borussia Gladbach	2
1860 Muenchen	3	1.FC Schalke 04	0

Standings

1. Bayern Muenchen	38:16
2. Hamburger SV	36:16
3. VfB Stuttgart	33:21
4. 1.FC Koeln	32:22
5. 1FC Kaiserslautern	30:24
6. 1.FC Schalke 04	29:25
7. Eintracht Frankfurt	28:26
8. Borussia Dortmund	28:26
9. 1860 Muenchen	26:28
10. Bayer Uerdingen	26:28
11. Borussia Moenchengladbach	25:29
12. Fortuna Dusseldorf	25:29
13. Bayer Leverkusen	25:29
14. Werder Bremen	23:31
15. VfL Bochum	22:32
16. MSV Duisburg	20:34
17. Hertha BSC Berlin	19:33
18. Eintracht Braunschweig	19:33

Senegal retains African basketball title

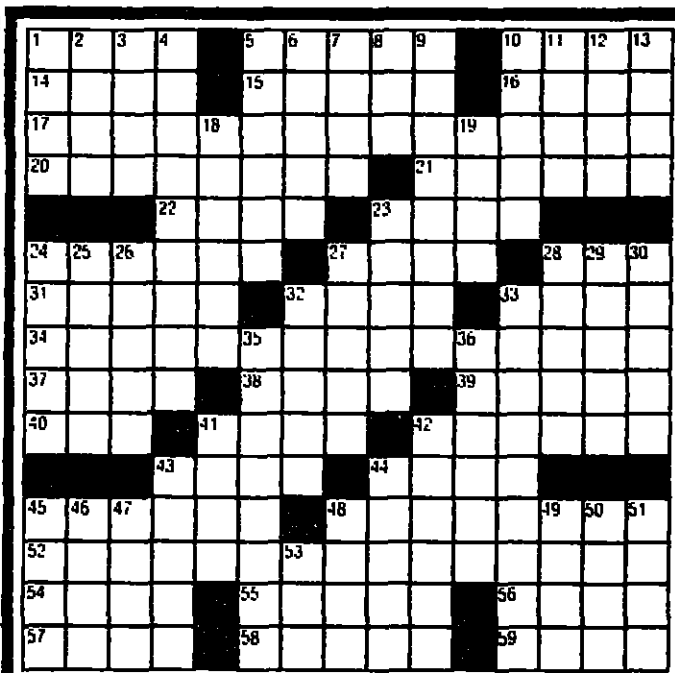
RABAT, March 31 (R) — The title holder Senegal won the 10th African basketball championships here last night by beating the Ivory Coast in the final by 96-90 (half time 54-34). Earlier Morocco won third place by defeating Algeria by 97-83.

THE Daily Crossword by William Lutinik

ACROSS	24 Took by force	44 Levantine vessel	19 Snick and
1 Castle, for one	27 Have sway	45 Landward	23 Family members
5 Coriander, for one	31 Kitchen group: abbr.	48 Shares	24 Certain palms
10 Creche	32 Complete item	52 Is obvious	25 After song
14 Theater group	33 Wool: comb. form	54 Alas, formerly	26 Novelist
15 — a limb	34 Be obvious	55 Beaumont's state	27 Channel
16 Included with	37 Of certain poetry	56 Soft	28 Expert girl
17 Be self-revelatory	38 T and G men	57 Had bills	29 swimmer
20 Peking person	40 Rep.'s colleague	58 Bluster	30 Orphan
21 Dramatist Eugene	41 Cheese	59 Casa la-dies: abbr.	31 Autographs
22 Microwave	42 Newlyweds		32 Bovine wall
23 Sleeping	43 Own		33 Songwriters
			34 Gathers the crop
			35 Like
			36 flotsam
			37 Kyoocde
			38 Put out of one's thoughts
			39 Amass
			40 Marsh birds
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			46 Fitzgerald
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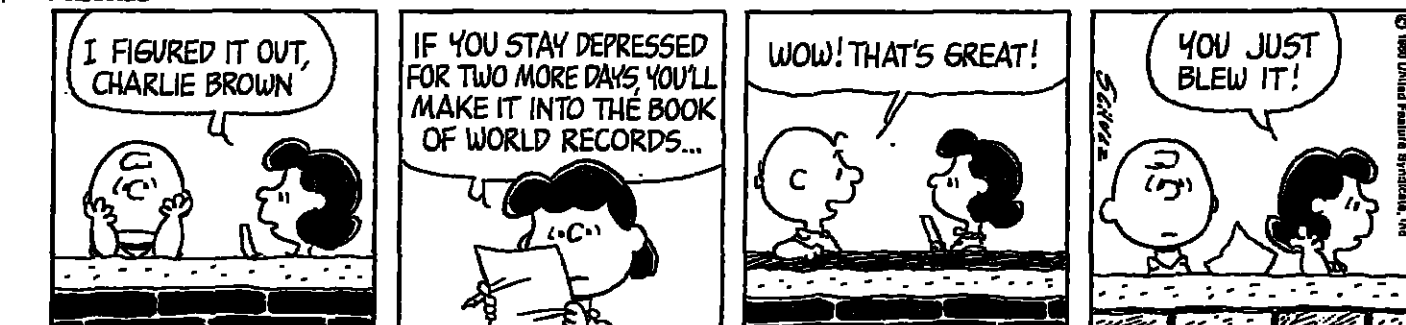
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STIRLY	HAIR	OSPIN
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ICE	SENSE	MOTTO
PERFORME	GRINSES	
DOWN	DECEIT	
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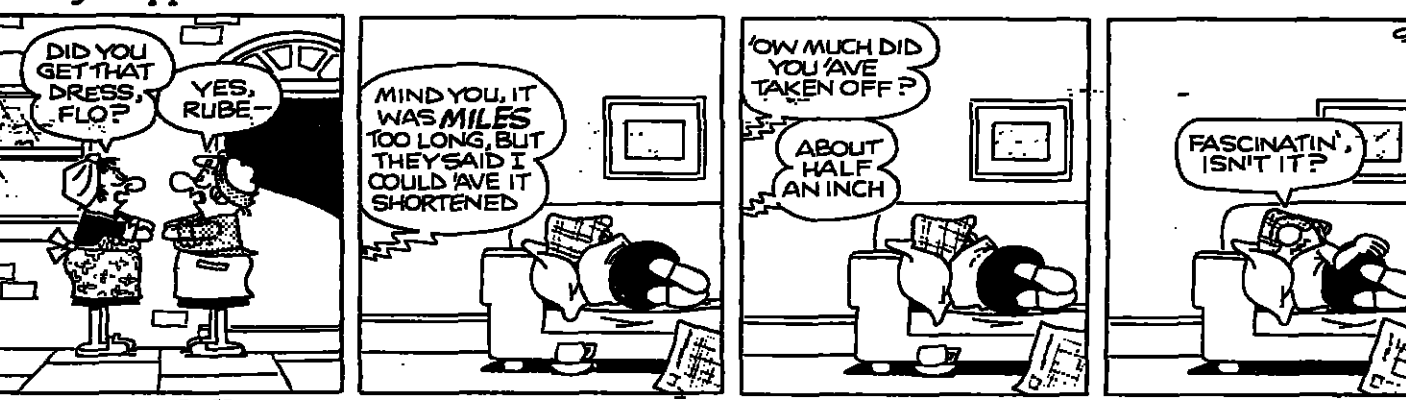


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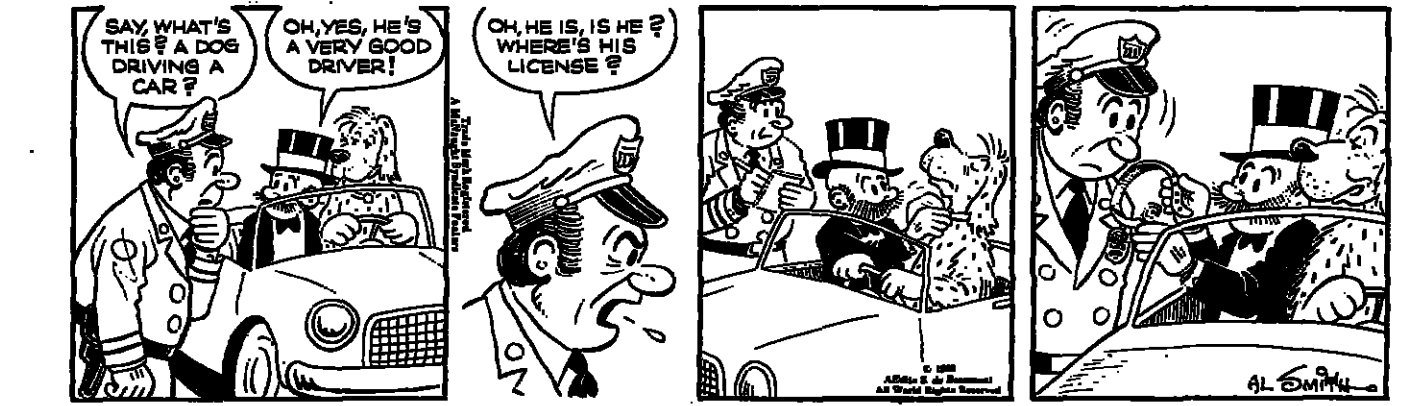
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6:30 Little House
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8:00 News in Arabic
8:30 Arabic series
9:30 Wrestling
9:30 Arabic series
11:00 News in Arabic

CHANNEL 6

6:30 French programme
7:00 News in French
7:30 News in Hebrew
8:30 Comedy
9:10 World Women
10:00 News in English
10:15 Al-Quds
11:00 Late Great

RADIO JORDAN

7:00 Morning Show
7:30 News Bulletin
7:40 Morning Show
10:00 News Headlines
10:30 Oriental Foods
11:00 Sign off
12:00 Sign on and News Headlines
12:30 Radio Summary
13:00 Radio Summary
14:00 News Bulletin
14:10 Music
14:30 The Song in France
15:00 Concert Hour
16:00 News Summary
16:05 Story Listening
16:30 Old Favorites
17:00 Arab Civilization
18:00 News Summary
18:05 First Spin
19:00 News Bulletin
19:10 News Reports
19:30 Sign off

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GMT

04:00 Newsweek

04:30 Master of Early Music

04:45 Financial News: Reflections

05:00 News: 24 Hours

05:30 Think of Number

05:45 The World Today

06:00 Newsweek

06:30 DJ Roundtable

07:00 News: 24 Hours

07:30 Farmer Giles of Ham

07:45 Network U.K.

08:00 News: Reflections

09:00 News: British Press Review

09:15 The World Today

09:30 News: Look Ahead

09:45 Nature Notebook

10:00 DJ Roundtable

10:30 Sports International

11:00 News: News about Britain

11:15 Letter from London

11:25 Scotland this week

11:30 Brain of Britain

12:00 Radio Newsworld

12:15 The Melos Ensemble

12:45 Sports Roundup

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14:00 News: 24 Hours

14:30 Radio Newsworld

14:45 Outlook

14:50 News: Commentary

15:05 The Cross and this World

15:30 Graham Greene Short Stories

16:05 The World Today

17:00 News: Scotland this week

17:15 30 Minutes Theatre

17:45 Sports Roundup

18:00 News: News about Britain

18:15 Radio Newsworld

18:30 The Farming World

18:45 Outlook: Stock Market Report

19:45 Music from Scotland

20:00 News: 24 Hours

20:30 A Generation of Giants

21:15 The Pleasure's Yours

22:00 News: The World Today

22:25 Scotland this week

VOICE OF AMERICA

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03:30 The Breakfast Show

03:50 News, Pop music, features, literary questions

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07:30 Dailies

08:00 Special English: news, feature

08:30 The Making of a Nation

08:30 News Music USA

09:00 News Roundup: reports, opinion, analyses

09:30 VOA Magazine: Americana, science, culture, letters

20:00 Special English: news

20:15 Music USA (Jazz)

21:00 VOA World Report

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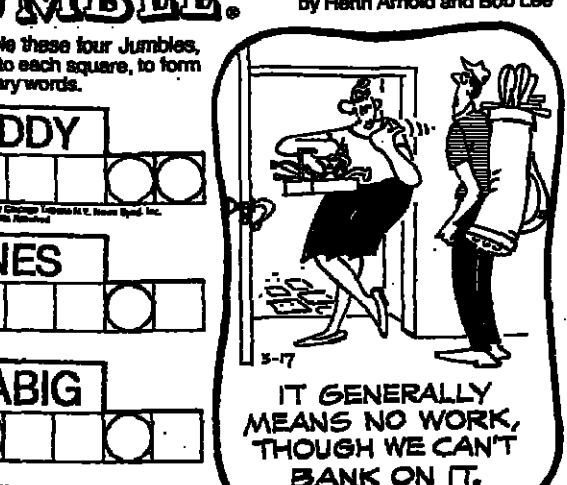
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About 30 people killed Violence breaks out at San Salvador funeral

SAN SALVADOR, March 31 (R) — About 30 people were killed, some of them trampled to death, when gunfire and bombs sent thousands of mourners fleeing for their lives at the funeral of murdered Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero.

The body of Archbishop Romero, who was shot dead while celebrating mass last Monday, was about to be laid to rest in a crypt in San Salvador's cathedral yesterday when a series of explosions erupted in the cathedral square.

A stampede ensued as an estimated 300,000 people fought their way to safety along with church leaders from the Vatican, the United States, Europe and Latin America.

The ruling civilian-military junta blamed leftist militants for the shooting and said they had planned a steal the body of Archbishop Romero.

Several cars were burned and

some shops looted before security forces established order. Early today troops were patrolling the city in force.

Ten months ago, about 25 people were shot on the steps of the cathedral. Leftist militants and security forces accused each other of provoking that incident.

A government statement said security forces could not have started yesterday's shooting because they were confined to barracks. It said the troops were only called out after the violence erupted. However, some troops were seen guarding the national palace and banks near the cathedral.

The gunfire and explosions broke out soon after a leftist-organised "march of mourning" arrived at the cathedral square. Some eye-witnesses reported seeing leftists exchanging gunfire with snipers.

None of the foreign church dignitaries headed by Cardinal Ernesto Corripio Ahumada of Mexico was believed injured in the shootings and the accompanying riot. All crouched behind the main altar for safety.

Monsignor Romero was laid to rest with a brief prayer in a crypt at the cathedral during a lull in the shooting and before most of the church dignitaries were bundled off to safety in ambulances.

The violence was not totally unexpected. Military officials had earlier warned that leftists or right-wing provocateurs might take advantage of the funeral ceremonies to create disorder.

Diplomatic observers said the new outbreak of violence was not likely to trigger an immediate revolution as many here had feared. The observers pointed out that the leftists were not yet ready for a general uprising because if they had been the riot at the cathedral would have sparked it. "I think the worst is over, at least for the time being," a military source said.

The Defence Ministry said the junta at one point considered imposing martial law throughout the country.

El Salvador is already under a state of siege, a milder form of martial law, imposed by the junta earlier this month to enable it to implement significant agrarian and banking reforms aimed at averting civil war.

In life as in death, Archbishop Romero, a Nobel Peace Prize nominee last year, aroused passions. Government leaders blamed the right for his murder and the left for the violence at his funeral ceremonies yesterday.



Senator Kennedy: Too far behind to catch up? (Gamma photo)

Kennedy looks to Wisconsin, Kansas contests to bolster bid for presidency

WASHINGTON, March 31 (R) — Senator Edward Kennedy, seeking fresh victories after two upset primary election wins over President Carter, looks to Wisconsin and Kansas tomorrow to bolster his hopes of winning the Democratic Party's presidential nomination.

The two polls, and another in Louisiana on Saturday, are skirmishes for the big Pennsylvania primary on April 22 that is considered a major indicator of voting trends.

Senator Kennedy scored stunning upsets over Mr. Carter in New York and Connecticut last

week but needs every delegate he can get at the party's nominating convention. So he has rearranged his schedule to put some time into Wisconsin and Kansas instead of moving directly on to Pennsylvania.

One major question is whether Mr. Kennedy has fallen so far behind Mr. Carter in accumulated national convention delegates — 411 to 835 by unofficial tallies, with 1,666 needed to nominate — that he can no longer catch up.

Another is whether the anti-Carter anger registered by New

York and Connecticut voters fore-

shadows a nationwide trend. Carter campaign manager Robert Strauss and other Carter aides say Mr. Kennedy rode home on a four-to-one majority among New York's huge Jewish population, furious about U.S. support for a United Nations resolution condemning Israel.

But voter analysis shows discontent ran deep on issues of concern to the whole nation, primarily inflation, the wish for strong leadership and the handling of the Tehran hostage crisis.

Carter aides say Senator Kennedy will have to win about 60 per cent of the roughly 2,000 remaining convention delegates to overtake the president.

On the Republican side, former California governor Ronald Reagan has turned a string of primary and party caucus wins into a huge lead of delegates who will select the presidential candidate at the nominating convention.

By unofficial estimates, the former film star has 293 of the 998 delegates needed for nomination. Former U.N. ambassador George Bush has 68, Illinois Congressman John Anderson 46.

Mr. Bush narrowly beat Mr. Reagan in Connecticut. But Mr. Reagan ran away with New York, and Mr. Bush badly needs a win in Wisconsin, if not in more conservative Kansas.

His task is complicated because Mr. Anderson, the party liberal regarded as a maverick by most Republicans, rejoins the race in Wisconsin. Mr. Anderson was not on the ballot in New York.

Mr. Anderson's strength lies in drawing support from disgruntled Democrats and Wisconsin's rules will let anyone vote in either the Democratic or Republican primary, regardless of their party affiliation.

Australia to investigate alleged effects of Viet war herbicides

CANBERRA, March 31 (R) — The Australian Government said today it would investigate charges that herbicides had caused birth defects among the children of 41,000 Australian soldiers who served in Vietnam.

One Vietnam veterans group said last week that up to 400 children of Australian veterans exposed to herbicides in Vietnam had birth defects including missing limbs, club feet and cleft palates. The Vietnam Veterans Action Association said it had compiled evidence providing an overwhelming case for compensation by the government.

Veterans Affairs Minister Evan Adermann told parliament today that the government would launch a two-year investigation to determine whether the rate of birth defects among families of Vietnam veterans was higher than normal.

The Australian Government is already investigating the effects on Vietnam veterans of a powerful defoliant known as "agent orange".

Forty Australian veterans joined more than 2,000 U.S. servicemen last February in suing the manufacturers of that defoliant.

The veterans alleged that they and their families had symptoms such as skin rashes, nervous disorders, tumours, miscarriages, and birth defects caused by exposure to agent orange, which contains the highly toxic substance dioxin.

The U.S. army used agent orange to deny Viet Cong guerrillas food and cover by thinning out the Vietnamese jungle.

To receive Lenin Prize for trilogy of memoirs Brezhnev returns to public spotlight

MOSCOW, March 31 (AP) — Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev, who unexpectedly missed the opening of the Russian Federation parliament last week, was back in the public spotlight today to receive the prestigious Lenin Prize for his trilogy of memoirs.

Radio Moscow said Mr. Brezhnev, 73, "expressed profound gratitude for the high appraisal of his work" that was expressed by the award — the Soviet equivalent to the American Pulitzer Prize for literature.

Mr. Brezhnev's prize which was announced nearly a year ago, cites his books, "Little Land," "Rebirth," and "Virgin Lands."

The radio quoted Mr. Brezhnev as saying in an acceptance speech that he wrote the books because "he wanted to tell about past experiences, the Soviet people's devotion to their ideology and their spiritual integrity, and about how the country's enormous economic potential was built up."

Mr. Brezhnev had been expected to receive the award a week ago, Eastern European sources said then. Their expectations were based partly upon the fact that the nightly television news programme had been scheduled for a half hour longer than normal on that night.

Newspaper television listings again showed the longer duration for the programme tonight, when Mr. Brezhnev's acceptance speech is expected to be telecast.

Mr. Brezhnev's failure to

appear at the parliament's opening session along with the cancellation of the Lenin Prize award ceremony led to renewed speculation that he was ill again.

Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin, who is 76 and who had been out of public view due to a reported serious illness for about four months recently, also failed to make his pro forma appearance at the parliament's opening.

The Lenin Prize, which is highly coveted among Soviet writers, had never before been awarded to a Soviet president. It typically goes

to professional writers and poets.

"Little Land," the first in the trilogy, is devoted to a World War II battle near the city of Novorossiysk. Mr. Brezhnev took part in that encounter. "Rebirth" is about reconstruction of the Ukrainian Republic's economy after the war, when Mr. Brezhnev was a regional party leader there.

"Virgin Lands" concentrates on the country's big agricultural push to develop the virgin territory in the Kazakhstan Republic, where Mr. Brezhnev served as first party secretary in the mid-1950s.

British royal family serious about farming, author finds

LONDON, March 31 (AP) — If the British royal family did not have to be royal, they would all be farmers. Farmer-author Ralph Whitlock came to that opinion after the rare privilege of seeing seven of the many royal farms at work.

"If it were not for their royal duties, farming would be the life they would choose," Mr. Whitlock told a reporter when his book "Royal Farmers" was published today by Michael Joseph.

He said that Queen Elizabeth and her husband Prince Philip keep a careful eye on their farms, which must all be self-supporting. Just how many farms there are is not disclosed. Besides feeding royalty, the farms contribute £ 6 million a year towards state income.

Mr. Whitlock, 67, found Princess Anne and her husband, ex-army captain Mark Phillips, "undertaking the herculean task of reclaiming and taming a formidable acreage of recalcitrant land," in Gloucestershire.

The Queen bought the 730-acre estate for the young couple for £250,000, then paid a like amount for 600 acres of adjoining farmland.

At Barnwell, near Peterborough, the farm home of the Queen's nephew, the Duke of Gloucester, Mr. Whitlock found, Dowager Duchess Alice wedding the garden.

Mr. Whitlock revealed that the Queen prefers untreated milk from her pedigree herd of Jersey cows at Windsor Park. It is delivered the 33 kilometres to Buckingham Palace three times a week.

With the milk go cartons of cream cheese from the 19th-century dairy at the Windsor farm, and vegetables, fruit and flowers. Tall plants are grown especially for the lofty staterooms of the palace.

The army horses at Windsor barracks and the royal stables produce 20 tons of manure a week, which is spread on the royal mushroom beds at Windsor and the kitchen gardens.

Fruit from the 48 acres of black-currant bushes at Sandringham in Norfolk is sold for a well-known commercial cordial. Mutton for the royal table comes from a flock of sheep at Balmoral in Scotland.

Supporting the popular notion that a farmer is hidden in every Englishman, Mr. Whitlock says: "In making the most of their rural inheritance, the royal family are doing exactly as most of the Queen's subjects would do if they could change places."

According to U.N. survey East Europe has transformed trade deficit into surplus

GENEVA, March 31 (R) — Eastern Europe has transformed trade deficit into a surplus and has boosted its sales of goods to the West, according to a United Nations survey published today (Tuesday).

Eastern Europe's sales to the West grew twice as fast as purchases last year, "a very sharp reversal of the trend compared with 1978," the U.N. Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) reported in its annual survey.

It said Eastern Europe switched its 1978 overall trade deficit of \$5 billion into a \$200 million surplus last year. Sales to the West went up 23 per cent.

The Geneva-based ECE said East-West trade accounted for about 30 per cent of the communist states' total trade and was "of great importance" for the economic growth of every country in the region.

But East-West negotiation of new cooperation projects had slackened recently and this was likely to affect Western exports of technology in the near future, the U.N. agency said.

The ECE said East European countries had recently been having second thoughts about technology purchases because intensive and large-scale efforts to buy technology during the past decade had given them only limited success in stimulating their economies.

The ECE added that the United States embargo on high technology sales to the Soviet Union would probably also lead to a reassessment of Moscow policy in this sphere.

The ECE said that in plans for 1980, record levels of farm output were being scheduled for the region, "with stress being placed on rises in crop rather than livestock output."

The ECE survey said planned targets for 1979 had called for increases of over three per cent in agriculture for all countries except East Germany. But apart from Bulgaria and Romania, all the East European states last year had lower output and most of the decline was in crop production.

"In Eastern Europe as a whole, grain output fell by more than 7.5 million tonnes below 1978, or by roughly ten per cent," the ECE said.

The fall in Soviet grain production amounted to 58 million tonnes, or almost 40 million tonnes lower than the 1976-1978 average.

The ECE estimated Eastern Europe's net economic growth last year at 2.4 per cent. Industrial output rose by 3.7 per cent, but

fell short of objectives in all

tries. Consumer price indexes ranged from 2.5 per cent in Hungary to nine per cent in Poland, but price indexes remained generally stable in East Germany and the Soviet Union.

The ECE, basing its conclusions on figures for the first nine months of the year and Western sales of trade, said Eastern Europe's debts to Western countries reached an estimated \$57 billion by the end of last year.

This was \$6 billion more one year earlier, and on with an \$8 billion rise in sales.

The ECE reported that European region introduced restrictive policies to cut down foreign indebtedness last

Chad fighting forces exit Congo troops

NDJAMENA, Chad, March 31 (R) — About 550 Congolese troops have been evacuated from one of the rival armed forces in Chad, sources said.

French embassy employees the capital took refuge at base on the western side of the city yesterday following days of fighting in which 1,000 people have been killed.

The Western sources said French and Congolese troops appeared to be preparing for a battle between the two factions of President Goukouni Oueddei and Minister Hissene Habre's forces.

The Congolese troops, Chad as the advance guard of a neutral pan-African peace force which never went into operation. The force was included troops from Chad and Guinea.

French sources said the Congolese had been equipped with about 50 tonnes of arms and large quantities of foodstuffs and it was not clear whether they took the with them before being replaced by heavy transport planes from neighbouring Cameroon.

U.S. athletic legend Jesse Owens dies

TUCSON, Arizona, March 31 (R) — Jesse Owens, the American track star who won four gold medals at the 1936 Berlin Olympics and delivered a smashing blow to Hitler's view of white supremacy, died here today of lung cancer. He was 66.

The former shoe-shine boy was acclaimed as the greatest track and field athlete of the century.

As Mr. Owens collected his medals in Berlin, Hitler fumed and stormed out of the stadium.

His death occurs at a time when political controversy has again flared over the Olympics, with calls by some world leaders for a boycott of the Moscow games this summer because of the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

At the Berlin Olympics, he won the 100 and 200-metre races, the long jump and a fourth gold medal as a member of the 400-metre relay team.

He also broke five world track and field records and equalled a sixth while a student at Ohio State University.

Mr. Owens worked his way through college, taking jobs in garages and as a page boy in the Ohio state legislature.

Then, representing his university, he broke his first world record, setting a 220-yard low hurdles mark of 22.9 seconds on May 18, 1935.

A week later, at college championships in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Mr. Owens pulled off the feat that astounded the sporting world.

India's Ram heads new party

NEW DELHI, March 31 (R) — Mr. Jagjivan Ram, former opposition Janata Party leader, yesterday took over as president of a new breakaway party called Janata (J) and immediately denounced Premier Indira Gandhi.

Mr. Ram, a minister in Mrs. Gandhi's previous government before her 1977 election defeat, charged her with failure to keep electoral promises to stop rising prices, restore law and order and provide security for weaker sections of the population.

"Mrs. Gandhi is too busy in manipulative politics and has no time to look into burning problems affecting the common man," Mr. Ram told a meeting here of his supporters.

He said that the government's failure to condemn the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan had lowered the country's prestige.

It was the first open attack on Mrs. Gandhi by her old lieutenant who, according to political observers, had hoped at one stage to rejoin her Congress (I) Party.

Only a few members of parliament and about 12 former MPs were among Mr. Ram's supporters at yesterday's meeting.

But although his support has dwindled, Mr. Ram's action in further weakening the opposition amounts to a plus for Mrs. Gandhi, who faces key elections in nine state assemblies by May.



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German Foodstuffs and German Beverages
German Exhibition for Foodstuffs and Beverages - "Importer Wanted" - in Amman on Monday March 31, Tuesday April 1, Wednesday April 2, 1980 at the Ambassador Hotel Amman.
An exhibition for German foodstuffs and German beverages is held in Amman - Ambassador Hotel on March 31, April 1, and April 2, 1980. The German foodstuffs and German beverages being shown on this occasion are mostly not yet introduced in the Jordanian market. Therefore the exhibition ranges under the headline "Importer Wanted" because the exhibitors are interested mostly to establish their contacts with the interested trade in Jordan.
The exhibition is held under the patronage of His Excellency the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany, Dr. Munz. On Monday March 31, on Tuesday April 1, and Wednesday April 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. the representatives of the German Agricultural Marketing Board are at disposal to show you the large range of German products and to inform about all necessary details.
The Federal Republic of Germany ranges on place in international comparisons as a food exporting country. The German foodstuffs and German beverages some of the strictest health regulations and control over the world. The event is organised by the German Agricultural Marketing Board CMA which has a branch office for the Near and Middle East in Beirut, G Centre, P.O. Box 5543, Lebanon. The representative CMA for the Near and Middle East, Mr. Franz Klamt also be in Amman for personal discussions with interested trade in Jordan.
The trade in Jordan is encouraged to take the opportunity to visit this exhibition on March 31, April 1 and April 2 at 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. the Ambassador Hotel Amman.